

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

February 5, 2024

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on February 5, 2024, in the Commissioners Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Commissioners Larry S. Kleinhenz, Carl H. Lienhoop, Tony London, County Administrator Tina Douglas, Assistant County Administrator Brooke Bowers, and Auditor Pia O'Connor were in attendance.

Commissioner Kleinhenz opened the meeting.

Commissioner Lienhoop gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The next item was the Approval of Minutes of January 29, 2024. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the January 29, 2024 Minutes, as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Approval of Payroll. **Commissioner London motioned to approve Payroll as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the weekly permits report as read by Commissioner Kleinhenz:

| <u>Time Frame</u> | <u>New Permits</u> | <u>Fees</u> | <u>Value</u> |
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| 1/29/2024 to 2/2/2024 | 18 | \$4,843 | \$2,626,210* |

**Arbor Homes and Several Businesses*

The next item was the Highway Weekly Crew Report, presented by Highway Engineer Danny Hollander as follows: cut and picked up trees on 550 W, 525 S, 525 E, and 930 S; dura-patched and used the hot-box; crack-sealed Southern Crossing; mowed in Ohio and Jackson Townships; put up signs; made 15,000 gallons of salt brine. Commissioner Kleinhenz noted the Title and Plan sheet for Bridge No. 111(Gladstone Avenue), would be signed after the meeting. Bridge No. 111 is on County Road 115 E (Gladstone Ave) over Clifty Creek. The concrete bridge was built in 1967 with the following specifications: Maximum Span Length of 56 ft.; Bridge Roadway Width of 25.5 ft.; Approach Roadway Width of 20 ft.

The next item was the ratification of the 2023 HAVA Sub-Grant Agreement, presented by Shari Lentz, County Clerk. The grant application was through the 2023 HAVA Election Security Local Grant (Federal Pass-Through Grant) and was approved on October 30, 2023, in the amount of \$14,691.04 for the following two (2) items:

- *Twenty-eight (28) greeters, high school seniors if possible, for all 2024 vote center locations:*
\$5,591.04
- *Fourteen (14) Cradlepoint 200 Hotspots to work with the election poll pads:*
\$9,100.00

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to accept the grant award for the 2023 HAVA Sub-Grant Agreement, as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was a proposal from the Clerk’s office, presented by Shari Lentz, County Clerk. The proposal was for fourteen (14) Cradlepoint 200 Hotspots for polling precincts and includes the license and three (3) years of maintenance. The purchase will be paid for with HAVA Grant funds from Knowink, LLC (Saint Louis, MO) for \$9,100.00. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the proposal, as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was a proposal from the Clerk’s office, presented by Shari Lentz, County Clerk. The proposal was for thirty-two (32) Poll Pads. The purchase will be paid out of the Clerk’s budget for \$12,960.00. The Poll Pads will be from Knowink, LLC (Saint Louis, MO) and include transport cases. Commissioner London confirmed that the voting machines are not connected to the internet and are separate from the Poll Pads. During the meeting, he inquired if Nexxus Park would be added as a voting location this year. Shari Lentz responded by stating that it is not currently approved to be a voting location. The commissioners expressed their willingness to reach out to the Mayor’s office to help accomplish securing it as a voting center. Commissioner Kleinhenz mentioned that the next available location, similar in size and parking, would be the Fairgrounds, but neither the location nor the parking is ideal. Shari Lentz also informed the attendees that the old Poll Pads have been approved by the state to be used for the sample ballots. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the proposal, as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was a proposal from the Information Technology Department, presented by Director Scott Mayes. The proposal is an agreement to facilitate the removal, storage, and reinstallation of the audio-visual equipment in various courtrooms within the courthouse. The scope of the project includes updating the programming for the lighting system in each courtroom as part of the upgrade. The purchase will be paid for out of ARP funds.

AVI Systems (Columbus, IN) – Current Vendor

- *Juvenile Court – AV teardown, store, and re-install:* **\$5,521.00**

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| ▪ <u>Lighting Control Integration:</u> | \$18,060.50 |
| ▪ <u>Superior Court 1 – AV teardown, store, and re-install:</u> | \$5,521.00 |
| ▪ <u>Superior Court 2 – AV teardown, store, and re-install:</u> | \$5,021.00 |
| ▪ <u>Small Claims Court – AV teardown, store, and re-install:</u> | \$5,021.00 |
| ▪ <u>IVD Court – AV teardown, store, and re-install:</u> | \$5,271.00 |
| ▪ <u>Circuit Court – AV teardown, store, and re-install:</u> | \$4,646.00 |
| Total for AVI Systems: | \$49,061.50 |

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the proposal, as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the consideration of the 2024 Microsoft License Renewal Agreement from SHI (Microsoft), presented by Scott Mayes, IT Director. The renewal agreement is for a term of three (3) years or thirty-six (36) full calendar months from the effective date and will be paid out of the IT budget annually. An increase of \$1,000.00 from 2023 was applied to the renewal amount. SHI is the reseller for the Microsoft License and this will affect each user that has either a laptop or desktop.

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| ▪ SHI International: | \$156,138.02 |
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Commissioner London motioned to approve the renewal agreement, as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the consideration of the Annual Maintenance Renewal Agreement with Schneider Geospatial, presented by Scott Mayes, IT Director. The renewal agreement is for GIS annual system maintenance and services to provide geographical information system mapping, and data integration throughout county systems, and the website. The county portion of the shared multi-agency expense is paid out of the IT budget with an increase of \$329 from 2023.

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| ▪ Cost Split between the following agencies: | |
| - City of Columbus MPO | |
| - Columbus City Utilities | |
| - City/County Planning Department | |
| - Columbus City Engineer | |
| - Bartholomew County | |
| - County Assessor | |
| ▪ Schneider Geospatial <u>County Annual Share:</u> | \$22,544.00 |

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the renewal agreement, as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the consideration of the Annual Maintenance Renewal License Agreement with VEEAM Backup System, presented by Scott Mayes, IT Director. The system is used to back up all county servers and software systems in use. SHI International is the county's registered VEEAM partner reseller for the product and it will be paid out of the IT budget.

- *SHI International:* **\$7,492.68**

Commissioner London motioned to approve the renewal agreement, as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the consideration of the Annual Maintenance Renewal Agreement with AdvancedMD, presented by Scott Mayes, IT Director. The software is used for the Public Health Nursing Department patient management software. The software manages patient information, scheduling, and notifications and will be paid for out of the IT budget.

- *AdvancedMD:* **\$8,131.20**

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the renewal agreement, as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the consideration of the Annual Maintenance Renewal Agreement with Government Utilities Technology (GUTS), presented by Scott Mayes, IT Director. The software is utilized for tax billing and payment collection and is used in both the Treasurer's and Auditor's offices. The renewal will be paid for out of the IT budget with a term of one (1) year.

- *GUTS:* **\$30,957.68**

Commissioner London motioned to approve the renewal agreement, as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the consideration of the Annual Maintenance Renewal License Agreement with Software Solutions, presented by Scott Mayes, IT Director. The software is utilized by all county offices for financial and payroll management and will be paid out of the IT budget.

- *Software Solutions:* **\$33,068.10**

Commissioner London motioned to approve the renewal agreement, as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Under miscellaneous, Kurt Kegerreis, Executive Director of the Southeast Indiana Workforce Board (Region 9) gave a presentation about strengthening outreach for workforce development within

Bartholomew County. The Southeast Indiana Workforce Board has shifted its focus in recent years from finding willing workers to helping people overcome a lack of access to essential services like daycare, transportation, and housing so they can join the workforce. The board serves people of all ages in the community but is currently focused on bringing the JAG program to BCSC. JAG is a state-funded, year-long program for high school students designed to decrease the dropout rate by providing class credit that helps at-risk youth gain the tools they need to join the workforce. The program follows the students for a year after graduation to ensure they are set up for success. The Region 9 Board serves 10 counties, with Bartholomew County being the only one without the JAG program. Commissioner London asked if there was a focus on special needs students, and Director Kegerreis stated that depending on their needs, they are welcome to be part of the program as well. He also has connections with the ARC program and is willing to assist in any program he can. An audience member asked why JAG is not in Bartholomew County yet, and Director Kegerreis explained that limited funding previously resulted in the program being given to other counties in greater need. However, now that funding has expanded and those counties are doing well, he is working to expand the program as much as possible.

Mark Webber from The Republic Newspaper asked if there were any updates on the Sheriff's Department contracting their food services. In response, Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that the notice to bidders was posted two weeks ago and the bids will be opened next week.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS



LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, CHAIRMAN



TONY LONDON, MEMBER



CARL H. LIENHOOP, MEMBER

ATTEST:



PIA O'CONNOR, AUDITOR

